



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan; both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man," today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Both listening and doing, receiving God's Word and serving others, is vital to the Christian life. Jesus invites all of us who are worried and distracted by many things to sit and rest in his presence, to hear his words of grace and truth, to know that we are loved and valued as children of God and to be renewed in faith and strengthened for service.

Like Martha, who welcomed Jesus into her home, we are worried and distracted by many things, hear those worries Lord, and take them as our prayer. Bring peace with your words; bring comfort with your presence. Speak guidance through your spirit; bring patience through your peace. We praise you for the way you love us, a way that calls us to sit and to listen as well as to go and to serve. Remind us that we have not been left to do the work by ourselves, for you are with us along the way. Amen.



A Pro-life Holy Hour will follow the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 21st July at St Joseph's RC Church. Please come and join us to pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

End of School Year Prayer . . God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our schools and for the friendships that have begun and for those that have grown. As we come to the end of this school year we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our schools. We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. Amen.



The Latest Campaign 'Fix the Food System' - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. As Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called 'Fix the Food System'. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
17	Sunday	9.00am	Julie McAndrew & Sophie Traquair
18	Monday St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	Mary Douglas
19	Tuesday		
20	Wednesday		
21	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
22	Friday	9.15am	Ian Ritchie
23	Saturday St Bridget of Sweden	9.15am	Paul Joynes
17th Sunday of the Year			
24	Sunday	9.00am	Grandparents and the Elderly
Recently Deceased:		Dave Hart ~ May he rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Margaret Horan, Mary Douglas, Eileen Cooper, Edward Wrigley	
		Billy McGuinness, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Pauline Davies	
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



St Mary Magdalen was the privileged friend of Jesus. She loved to pray at His feet in the silence of contemplation. For all these reasons she is the patroness and model of a life spent in the adoration and service of Jesus in the Sacrament of His love.

St. Mary Magdalene, you are the first one Jesus appeared to after He rose. Help me to be worthy to carry the message of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Amen.

Next Sunday, 24th July, is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The vision for this day is to celebrate and recognise the central role that grandparents and the elderly play in our communities.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July ~ For the Elderly ~ We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022 . . There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.



DIARY DATE ~ Ushaw Flower Festival, Friday 9th Sept. – Sunday 11th Sept. It will be a floral tour of County Durham, highlighting its heritage, culture, people and landscapes. You can book your tickets now by visiting 'What's on at Ushaw'